DEVON'S TOLLHOUSES: A GAZETTEER

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Those tollhouses marked with an asterisk (*) were photographed by Lilian Sheldon in the late 1920s / early 30s; selected pictures were published in the Transactions of the Devonshire Association in 1933 and 1936; copies of the full set are held by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

Those highlighted in red are doubtful or unlikely entries, which where indicated may be later houses erected on the same site as the known tollhouse location.

A select bibliography is attached at the end of this listing.

SURVIVING TOLLHOUSES

*** ABBOT'S MARSH (1)** **Barnstaple Trust** **SS 643194**

On the A377 Exeter-Barnstaple road, opened in 1830/31 to replace the old hill road via Chulmleigh. 2 miles N of King's Nympton Station and 3/4 mile S of Portsmouth Arms, it is a small, single storey cottage on the SW side of the road. Typical of the tollhouses built by the Barnstaple Turnpike Trust, other examples are at Colleton Mills, Chapelton and Crookman's Corner. This was one of 3, including Chapelton (#15) and Leigh Cross (#55), built in 1832 by Hugh Allen at a total cost of £372 4s 0d, plus £26.3s 0d for the gates and toll boards. Sold off as a private house in 1855 after the railway took all the long distance traffic from the Trust (Trust records in North Devon Record Office).

*** AVONWICK, New Bridge (2)** **Totnes & Berry Pomeroy Trust** **SX 715583**

A typical angle-fronted two storey southern tollhouse on the NE corner of the bridge over the River Avon, on the old A385 Totnes-Plymouth road, l½ miles SE of South Brent and 6 miles W of Totnes. "New Bridge Gate" house has a prominent toll-board recess in the angled front and its entrance is below the present road level. Previously thought to have been built in 1823/24 after the original New Bridge was replaced in 1821, but actually in 1839/40: the original "New House" gate was further west at the crossroads (SX 712583, as shown on Greenwood's map) and the Totnes trustees asked for permission to build a tollhouse by the bridge in 1839, after the new road to Glazebrook was opened (QS/81). Shown on the South Brent and Ugborough Tithe Maps.

AXMOUTH BRIDGE (3) **Bridge Trust** **SY 252900**

This is an interesting single storey tollhouse to the NW of the bridge across the Axe estuary at Seaton (B3172), now bypassed by a modern replacement. The bridge is an historic early concrete structure designed by Philip Brannon, and was built by the Seaton and Beer Railway Company between 1874 and 1877 to replace a ferry (Act of Parliament). The tollhouse is also of concrete and presumably dates from 1877. It has a projecting window to the right, a blocked up door and a curved roof. The shares in the bridge were transferred to Sir Alfred Trevelyan in 1879 and the local council bought out the tolls in 1907; it was freed on 30th September that year.

*** BAMPTON (4) Tiverton Trust SS 960221**

In the fork of the old and new Tiverton roads just E of the bridge at Bampton. A square two storey building with the door set at one side, probably built in 1819 after the new Bampton road along the Exe valley was completed, when the Bampton New Gate was first advertised (EFP). Certainly in place by 1823 (Trust return). Like the other Tiverton gates, it "cleared" all other gates in this large trust, except Whiteball, Crediton and Marypole Head near Exeter, instead of the more usual four or five mile radius. It had the same tenant for several decades (Jenkinson 201)

BAMPTON, Duvale (5) Tiverton Trust SS 952207

A plain slate roofed two storey stone house, "Halfpenny", 1 mile SW of Bampton on the N side of the A396 Exe valley road (cut in 1815), opposite the lane to Halfpenny Bridge (called "Brickdale's Bridge" on the Stoodleigh Tithe Map). Now extended to the W; the original door has been blocked up and replaced with a porch on the E side. It belonged to the Tiverton Trust ("Duvale Gate" in their records from 1822-23) not the bridge, which was probably built around the same time, to serve Holmingham Quarry. The bridge is not marked on the 1809 OS map but both were shown by Greenwood in 1827. "Halfpenny Bridge Cottage" on the 1890 OS, it may have also collected tolls for the bridge; pedestrians were presumably charged a halfpenny, though the cottage at the other end of the bridge also called "Halfpenny Bridge Cottage" and shown on the Tithe Map could have collected these tolls.

BARNSTAPLE, Crookman's Corner (6) Barnstaple Trust SS 575333

On the N side of the Goodleigh road, one mile E of Barnstaple. Built in 1843 at a cost of £115 (plus £15 for the gates), it is a single storey angle - fronted house similar to the Abbot's Marsh (#1) and Chapelton (#15) tollhouses, but more ornate with fine Gothic windows and a modern extension to the W. The eastward expansion of the Barnstaple Trust's road network dates from 1842 and a toll gate was in operation at Sowden Lane nearer to the town by November that year - a temporary shelter was presumably built until the tollhouse was ready (Trust records).

BEARE GATE (7) Cullompton Trust SS 985007

"Beare Gate Cottage" is in the SW fork of the old A38 Bristol road 2 miles N of Broadclyst. Thatched and with an unusual window cut into the SE elevation to allow a view S; the porch is now to the N. However, one copy of the Tithe Map shows an additional building (demolished by the time of the 1st edition 25" map) where the roads meet with two gates across the roads, which may have been a shelter for the toll collector. This was the only gate of the Trust, formed in 1813, which presumably adapted an existing house; they are recorded in 1823 as renting it (Parliamentary return). Identified in recent sale particulars as retaining the toll-collector's till. A puzzle.

BIDEFORD (Barnstaple Road) (8) Barnstaple Trust SS 460267

A rectangular two storey house with a porch onto the road, "Salterns Cottage" is on the S side of Old Barnstaple Road, 1 mile NE of East-the-Water. This is an enlargement / updating with an additional storey of the Barnstaple Trust's Bideford Gate; it is shown on Greenwood and marked as "Old Turnpike Toll House" on the 1st Edition 25" OS map. The gate was in existence at least as

early as 1780 (Trust records), although this house is probably later. It was superseded in 1841/2 by a new tollhouse, long demolished, on the W of the junction with the new (Instow) road when that was built (shown on an 1842 town map by John Wood), but the old house survived, albeit in altered form.

*** BIDEFORD (Western / Twinaways) (9) Bideford Trust SS 443259**

A typical single-storey tollhouse, similar to many of the Barnstaple houses, on the S side of Clovelly Road ½ mile W of Bideford. The gate was in existence at least as early as 1799 (EFP) but this tollhouse was probably built in the early 1820s. Called "Western Gate" in Trust accounts and an 1824 Parliamentary return; shown on the Tithe Map. It was a grocer's shop ("Twinaway(s) Stores") until recently; the ugly display window to the left shown in Sheldon's photograph of 1932 has now thankfully been removed and Gothic-style windows reinstated.

*** BITTAFORD (10) Plymouth Eastern Trust SX 665568**

"The Old Toll House", just W of Bittaford (previously "Biddaford") on the S side of the old A38 Exeter-Plymouth road, 2 miles E of Ivybridge. Old photographs show a typical angle-fronted two-storey example with a massive chimney stack; it was later extended to the E then further rebuilt and is not immediately recognisable when approached from the east. Not on the 1809 OS and not included in the Trust's accounts 1822-1823, but on Greenwood's 1827 map and the Tithe Map, so probably built in the mid-1820s. Advertised to let in 1837 (EFP) but discontinued as a toll gate in 1847.

BOROUGH CORNER (11) Braunton & Ilfracombe Trust SS 486439

"Borough Corner" at Turnpike Cross, three miles SW of Ilfracombe, on the E side of the B3231 / B3343 junction near the old Woolacombe station. A square two storey slated cottage facing W, originally a pretty slate-hung building but now unsympathetically altered and extended and renamed "Greenfield Cottage". The Trust's accounts for 1844 include an item for the "Expense of forming the Burrow Line, including Building a new Toll House at Burrow Corner".

BOVEY TRACEY (12) Newton Bushel (Abbot) Trust SX 813781

On the E side of the A382 Bovey Tracey-Newton Abbot road ¼ mile S of Bovey Tracey. A typical angle-fronted tollhouse of the nineteenth century it is similar to many others in the area, especially the Moreton Eastern tollhouse (#63) of the same Trust. The windows are modern, the porch is now blocked up and the S side partially obscured by a wall. Recorded in Trust QS/81 accounts from 1827 onwards so contemporary with the turnpiking of the road from Bovey to Moretonhampstead in 1826-27.

*** BRENT BRIDGE, South Brent (13) Ashburton & Totnes Trust SX 698596**

Just off the old A38 Exeter-Plymouth road, ½ mile S of South Brent village, beside the eastern fork of the roads going over the old and new (1821) bridges but dating from at least 1812 (EFP). Included in 1824 Parliamentary return and shown on Greenwood's and the Tithe Maps. It is a two-storey cottage on the N side of the road adjoining the mill and has a single storey kitchen extension and a dilapidated detached privy on the riverbank. It originally had a tall chimney (shown in old photographs) but is now an unremarkable building. Sold in 1878 for £50 (QS/82).

*** BRIXHAM (Monksbridge) (14) Torquay & Dartmouth Trust SX 915555**

A striking white-painted slate-hung tollhouse on the SE corner of the junction of the A3022 with Monksbridge Road, ½ mile SW of Brixham centre, it guards the old (Monksbridge / Greenover) and "New Road" routes into the town. It has an angled front with a toll board recess and has been extended to the rear. Formerly thought to have been built in 1790 but later - not in the Trust's list

of gates in 1826 (EFP). The current listing date (1838) is also wrong, however: it was recorded in the Trust accounts by 1829, after New Road was cut. Shown on the Tithe Map.

*** CHAPELTON (15) Barnstaple Trust SS 576226**

On the W side of the A377 Exeter - Barnstaple road, ½ mile N of Chapelton station and 4 miles from Barnstaple. A single storey tollhouse, similar to Abbot's Marsh (see #1 above) and built at the same time (1832) but now has different windows, no window in the blocked-up door and a smaller chimney. Discontinued as a gate in the 1850s and rented out thereafter (Trust records). Used as a shop in the 1930s (Sheldon photo).

CHAWLEIGH (Moortown) (16) South Molton Trust SS 691131

These two buildings (16 and 16a) are a puzzle. The first, on the NE side of the old (pre-1831) main Exeter-Barnstaple road, ¾ m NW of Chawleigh, near Moortown is “Turnpike Cottage”, a plain thatched house of considerable age, now with eaves bedrooms. The Chawleigh toll gate was recorded in 1781 (Parliamentary Committee) and1812 (EFP) and this is very likely a pre-existing cottage, given its position away from the road junction. Also shown on the 1” Greenwood Map, but see below.

*** CHAWLEIGH (Chulmleigh Br) (16a) South Molton Trust SS 691137**

“Savourys Cottage” is a two story rectangular cottage on the S side of Chulmleigh Bridge. The Chawleigh Tithe Map and Apportionment record this as a tollhouse (incorrectly, owned by the Tiverton Trust), and the Moortown tollhouse (#16) is also shown but not named. A toll gate was marked near here on the 1809 OS map, although the more detailed Surveyor’s Drawing shows this was further S, on the bend of the road. Neither house was included in the Trust’s sale deeds of 1882. Possible explanations are that the collection point was moved between the two, perhaps more than once; or that the Moortown house was not a TH and incorrectly marked by Greenwood; or the OS and Tithe Maps are in error – Savourys Cottage does not look to be an eighteenth century building (thanks to Martin Ebdon).

*** CHENSON (17) Exeter Trust SS 701097**

On the A377 Exeter-Barnstaple road between Lapford and Eggesford stations, 2 miles from each, on the E side of the road just past the 20 mile stone. A typical two-storey house built for about £140 in 1830/1831, it has an angled front offset to the right and is extended to the rear. Similar to Copplestone (27) and Kennerleigh (53) which were built by the Trust around the same time, it was the first / last toll of the Exeter Trust which met the Barnstaple Trust at Eggesford and “cleared” Copplestone (Trust records; Lowe, Jenkinson 2010).

*** CHERITON CROSS (18) Exeter Trust SX 773930**

On the S side of the old A30 Exeter - Okehampton road in Cheriton Cross village. A fine red sandstone example of a two-storey tollhouse of the standard type, it has brick facings and an enclosed porch, which has survived as the road is wide here. It now has a slate-hung extension to the rear. Built in 1839-40 at a cost of £100 to replace an earlier house (the gate is shown on Greenwood’s and the Tithe Map) and similar to the contemporary Venn Bridge (109); they may have been the work of the same builder, although they belonged to different Trusts. Sold in 1884 for £36 (Trust records; Lowe; QS/82).

*** CHILLATON (Uppaton) (19) Tavistock Trust SX 438809**

Two miles N of the A384 Tavistock-Launceston road and ¾ mile S of Chillaton, in the fork of two roads N to the A30. An attractive slate-hung two-storey building with a single storey kitchen extension, the doorway is cut into the SW corner facing the more important road (there was

presumably originally a porch too). Similar to Morwell Down (#64) but with slightly different windows. The Trust contracted in 1839 for the road from Quither Lane End (200m S of the gate) to Lewdown on the Launceston road, at a cost of £3,647 including two tollhouses. Chillaton tollhouse was in operation by 1841 (Tithe Map, Census return quoted by Jenkinson 2010); the other, at Coryton (SX 455846) was a roofless ruin by the mid-1970s and now only one wall and a fireplace remain.

CHITTLEHAMHOLT (20) Barnstaple Trust SS649210

A square slated and whitewashed cottage on the W side of the road in the centre of the village, now called "The Old Gate House". Originally single storey but now two stories; extended to the N and with a porch on the S gable wall. First recorded in Trust records in 1830 and shown on the Warkleigh Tithe Map, but rented out mid-century as there was not enough traffic to make it worth keeping the gate open. Sold in 1880 to Mr. Johnson (QS/82).

CHUDLEIGH KNIGHTON (21) Ashburton and Totnes Trust SX 849777

Originally known as Knighton Gate, ¼ mile NE of Chudleigh Knighton on the N side of the old A38. Now called **"**Toll Gate Cottage" and much extended and altered so not obviously a tollhouse; it originally had a porch / door onto the road. Advertised to let in 1801 (EFP) and shown on the OS drawing of 1803 but the present house may be later. Also in a Parliamentary return for 1823 and shown with the gate on the Tithe Map.

CHULMLEIGH (Langleigh Gate) (22) South Molton Trust SS 688148

"Tollgate Cottage" or "Langley Cottage", on the E side of the fork of two roads into Chulmleigh from the old South Molton and Barnstaple roads, ½ mile N of the village. Formerly an attractive single storey building with two smaller extensions and a side window to allow a good view along the road to the W (Author photographs), now heavily extended and updated with a second storey added to the original section and some windows blocked up. First recorded by 1846, and not on the Tithe Map of 1841, it probably dates from soon after that date - the Trust cut several new roads in 1839/40. In their sale deeds from 1882 (QS/81 & /82).

CLOVELLY (23) Bideford Trust SS 312241

A small single-storey stone and slate cottage with an eaves bedroom in the steeply-pitched roof (probably originally thatched) and a slated porch; it also has a lean-to on the right. Located on the B3237 ½ mile N of Clovelly Cross, in the fork of the road down to the village and a side road to Burscott (the only route to the village on Donn's map of 1765). Possibly eighteenth century - the gate was in existence by 1799 (EFP) when it was let for £21 and was shown on the OS surveyors drawing of 1804, but the house was not marked on this or the published map. Also named on a Parliamentary return in 1823. The house is marked with gates across both roads on the Tithe Map of 1840. Sold in 1876 to Mr. Noel of Rutland (QS/82).

* **COLLETON MILLS (24) Barnstaple Trust SS 666157**

A single-storey slated cottage, extended to the rear and side, and with the original door now blocked up. On the A377 Exeter-Barnstaple road 1½ miles NW of Chulmleigh, situated on the SW corner of the crossroads of the new and old roads. It was built later than the other surviving houses on this road, in 1849 (Trust records), presumably because cross-traffic had increased sufficiently to justify a new gate. It differs from them in that the projection into the road is at the N end rather than central, presumably a function of its site.

COLYTON (25) **Axminster Trust** **SY 249942**

A rebuilt or much-enlarged and almost unrecognisably modernised rectangular two-storey house. Situated in the fork of the old roads to Whitford and Musbury, just east of Colyton, it is now a B&B called "The Toll House". The road was turnpiked in 1792 and there was a toll gate here by 1823 (Parliamentary return in DRO, also shown on the Tithe Map), although the date of the present house is uncertain. Included in the list of Axminster Trust properties sold on abolition; shown on the 1891 25" OS map. See also Milland (#59)

COPPLESTONE (26) **Exeter Trust** **SS 770026**

In Copplestone, on the W side of what is now the southbound section of the one-way system on the A377 Barnstaple road. It is just past the fork of the Okehampton and Barnstaple roads, but the road layout changed after the opening of the railway in 1851, following which it seems likely that the actual gate was moved to Copplestone Cross. Built in 1830, it is similar in design to Chenson and Kennerleigh; it now has an ugly, blocked-up brick porch, but the mock black and white facings previously applied have been removed. Paying the toll "cleared" Chenson to the north (#17) but not the older gate at Barnstaple Cross west of Crediton, which is nearer (Trust records; Lowe).

COURTLANDS CROSS (27) **Exmouth Trust** **SY 003833**

On the SE corner of Courtlands Cross, 1½ miles N of Exmouth. A single storey building in the fork of the main road and the old road to Withycome Raleigh, now a footpath, it has a projecting window on the N side and a porch on the W side and has been substantially extended. The only tollhouse of the Exmouth Trust (the gate in Exmouth only had a hut); it dates from 1832/33 when the Trust started (QS/81), turnpiking the last 2 miles from the end of the Exeter Trust into the developing town. Shown on the 1840 Tithe Map and 1841 Census (Jenkinson 2010); sold in 1872 for £60 (QS/82).

CREMYLL PASSAGE (28) **Liskeard Trust** **SX 453534**

"Tollhouse Cottage", a substantial two storey white rendered slated building with wings either side of a central block, on the right hand (N) side of the road ¼ mile from Cremyll ferry. Now in Cornwall, but Cremyll was part of Devon until 1844. Probably built c.1820-25, judging by the gothic window shapes. Shown on Greenwood's 1" map of 1827, advertised in the Exeter Flying Post in 1844 and marked as "Turnpike" on the 1st Edition 25" OS map. Now a holiday home. See also the ferry tollhouse / ticket office (#117).

DARTMOUTH, Deadman's Cross (29) **Kingsbridge & Dartmouth Trust** **SX 866509**

An undistinguished-looking two storey house, called "Toll Cottage", on the NW corner of the crossroads ½ mile W of Dartmouth. Extended to the rear and with modern replacement windows. This is the Deadman's Cross tollhouse (also known as "Milton Gate") which was sold on the abolition of the Trust in 1882 (QS/82). The gate is shown on the opposite corner on Dawson's town maps of 1832 and 1837 but the Tithe Map shows only a hut there. A recent estate agents' sale details give a building date of 1850, consistent with this, and it is the only building shown here on the 1890 25" OS map; Jenkinson 2009 records the gatekeeper from the Census. (The building previously identified as the demolished tollhouse was a lodge for Mount Boone House – info. from Dartmouth Museum).

DARTMOUTH, Swannaton (30) **Kingsbridge & Dartmouth Trust** **SX 870501**

One mile SW of Dartmouth, this rectangular two storey building (now "Tollgate Cottage", but "Swannaton Gate" on earlier OS maps)) guarded the higher and lower entrances into the town from the Torcross road. It now has obtrusive asymmetrical ground floor extensions on the S and E sides. Dating uncertain, perhaps from the new road of 1855; the Tithe map shows a smaller

building (also marked on Dawson's town map of 1832) slightly further N. Sold on the expiry of the Trust in 1882 for £30.14s.

*** DAWLISH (Holcombe) (31) Teignmouth & Dawlish Trust SX 958757**

Half a mile S of Dawlish on the W side of the old Teignmouth road, now a cul-de-sac approachable only from the Teignmouth end. A two storey angle-fronted stucco and slated building. Originally similar to the one at Teignmouth Hill one mile further south (#97), although not so ornate, but it has been extensively extended in recent times. The gate dates from 1824 (QS/81) and the tollhouse is likely to be from that time (though for some reason not shown on the Tithe Map). The land was part of the Holcome Estate and the house is named on the Trust's sale map of 1877 in Devon Heritage Centre.

*** DOLTON BEACON (32) Great Torrington Trust SS 591133**

A large, square two storey building with a projecting porch (the door and windows now blocked up), just S of Dolton Beacon crossroads on the W side of the B3220 Exeter - Torrington road, 4 miles N of Winkleigh. This is a surprising location choice, since there is a cross roads a short distance to the north and it is only 3 miles from the Beaford gate (now demolished). One of two survivors from the line of five (Yeo Bridge, Taw Bridge (#94), Dolton Beacon, Beaford and Rose or Row's Moor) built on this road, which was completed in 1835; this gate was first discussed in 1830 (EFP) and operational by 1833 (QS/81), though the tollhouse could be later. Sold in 1881 (QS/82).

DUNSFORD, New Bridge (33) Moretonhampstead Trust SX807885

On the NW corner of the junction between the B3212 Dartmoor road and the western lane into Dunsford. A whitewashed two-storey cottage, extended at both ends, now called "Toll Cottage" but originally the "New Bridge Gate" (1841 Census – Jenkinson 2009). This tollhouse is probably early: the gate was in existence by 1800 (EFP) and the house is shown on both 1809 OS and Greenwood's maps. The road across Dartmoor through Moretonhampstead was built between 1772 and c.1799; this eastern section was presumably the first to be laid out, and was further improved in 1814-15. House and gate shown on the 1840 Tithe Map.

DUNSFORD, Weir Cottage (34) Crediton and Chulmleigh Trust SX822887

A plain two storey slated cottage, now substantially extended, ¼ mile S of the B3212 on the W side on the unclassified road from Dunsford to Bridford. Currently used as a holiday cottage, described as a former forge and toll house. The short-lived Crediton and Chudleigh Trust showed the site as part of their land on their Deposited Plan of 1831 but with no building, and they had a toll gate "near Sowton Bridge" (***EFP***, 10.10.1835), so they presumably built this cottage as a tollhouse; it is the only building in the area on the 1840 Tithe Map.

*** ERMINGTON (35) Modbury Trust SX 637528**

On the NE corner of the junction of the B3210 Totnes-Plymouth and B3211 Ivybridge - Ermington roads, S of the village. A good example of an angle-fronted tollhouse with Gothic windows and a recessed Gothic door. Very similar to Yealmbridge (#111) but now pebbledashed and with replacement windows. The house can be dated between 1825 and 1827 (Trust returns); the Trust extended its road network at this time. Sold in 1879 for £50.

EXEBRIDGE (36) Minehead Trust SS 933242

Just inside Devon in the middle of the crossroads of the A396 and B3222, ¼ mile SE of Exebridge. An octagonal tollhouse with a central chimney, facing S, it guarded roads owned by the Minehead and Wiveliscombe trusts. The existing building replaced an earlier one (near the bridge opposite the Anchor Inn – OS drawing) in 1824 (Trust records) when the new road to Minehead along the

river valley opened. Shown on Greenwood's and the Tithe Map, and still marked as "Toll House" on the 1890 25" OS. Damaged by vehicles several times in recent years.

EXWICK (37) Exeter Trust / Private Road SX 908396

A small single storey brick cottage with a toll board recess above the door, on the SE corner of the junction of the Exwick-Cowley road and the road to St Davids. Built in 1853 for £100, partly using materials from the dismantled Three Horseshoes gate on the Crediton road. The gate eliminated evasion of the tolls at the Red Cow gate and also collected tolls for the new (1851-2) private road and wooden bridges over the Exe and mill leat, owned by the Bullers' Exwick Estate; there was also a level crossing over the railway. Shown on the 1875 1:500 OS plan of Exeter. Sold to the Bullers and converted into an exclusively private toll gate in 1884; the tolls were bought out by the Council in 1901 (Lowe; EFP, Exeter Memories).

FORD MOOR (38) Barnstaple Trust SS 684124

On the E side of the A377 Barnstaple road ½ mile N of Eggesford station. An ordinary looking stone-faced two storey cottage, unlike most of the Barnstaple Trust tollhouses. This is a modified incarnation of the tollhouse built in 1831-32 for £60. It was originally a small, poor quality building but was rebuilt with an extra storey in 1862 (records and plan in North Devon Record Office) and bought in 1880 at the end of the Trust by Lord Portsmouth, who put his coat of arms above the porch. Now much extended to the rear, without ruining the original house.

*** GALMPTON (Windy Corner) (39) Torquay & Dartmouth Trust SX 888571**

A modernised angle-fronted tollhouse with a reproduction toll-board, in the fork of two roads at Galmpton Warborough, 2 miles S of Paignton, facing the older A3022 (Torquay bypass) not the later Paignton road. It now has a tiled roof, and the original door is blocked up. Another tollhouse was built to the SE after the new road was built in 1840/1, after which the present building presumably became a private dwelling, but the second house was demolished between 1889 and 1905 (25" OS). The original gate is shown on the OS drawing of 1803 and the Tithe Map. Recorded in 1817 (EFP) and 1822 (Parliamentary return) but the present building appears to be c.1820-25 so was probably only used as a tollhouse for 15-20 years.

*** GOODSTONE (40) Ashburton & Totnes Trust SX 787721**

On the N side of old A38 Exeter-Plymouth road one mile SW of Bickington and 2½ miles NE of Ashburton. A substantial two-storey building, originally thatched, with a massive chimney stack and slate-hung on the W elevation. The gate was operational at least as early as 1768 and is shown on the 1803 OS Surveyor's drawing; mentioned in ***EFP*** in 1812. The dating of the present tollhouse is uncertain – perhaps early 19th C; house and gate are marked on the Tithe map. This section of the road is now only a westbound access road for the A38 dual carriageway.

*** Gt TORRINGTON (Rothern Br.) (41) Great Torrington Trust SS 477198**

Situated in the fork of the Frithelstock (old) and Yeo Valley (new, 1826) Bideford roads one mile W of Great Torrington, near the station. Also called Rakeham, it is a larger than usual example with the porch intact and attractive projecting side windows, extended to the rear; restored in 2007. Although there was a toll gate on the W side of the bridge by 1801 (EFP) and which was included in a Parliamentary return of 1823, the house was replaced by the present tollhouse in 1841 (Trust accounts). It was occupied in 1871 (Jenkinson 2010) and sold in 1880 (QS/82).

Gt TORRINGTON (Taddiport Bridge) (42) Great Torrington Trust SS 488187

An unusual crenellated two storey stone building with ornate facings, extended to the rear in the 1960s, on the NE corner of the bridge leading to Taddiport, also known as Town Bridge. The gate

was recorded under the Barnstaple Trust in 1806 (EFP) and 1823 (return in DRO); however the current building probably dates from around 1827/28 when the Rolle Canal opened and the Torrington Trust took over the Hatherleigh road. It is shown on an engraving by Campion of 1830 and marked on the Tithe Map of 1843. When the Rolle Canal closed in 1871 the canal bed was filled in and became a private road (Rolle Road); after abolition of the Great Torrington Trust in 1880 the tollhouse continued to collect tolls on the private road until the 1920s (Scrutton, *Lord Rolle's Canal*).

GREYSTONE BRIDGE (43) **Tavistock Trust** **SX 370803**

Just E of Greystone (or Greston) Bridge on the Devon / Cornwall border, guarding the new (1832-33) and old roads on the N side of the A384 Launceston road. A two-storey tollhouse, the upper storey slate-hung. Although there was a gate here from 1762 the present house dates from c.1832; the old tollhouse was sold in 1833 for £15 (Trust accounts) as it was in the wrong location. It was originally similar to Morwell Down (#64) and Chillaton (#19) but is now substantially but sympathetically extended with the corner door blocked off into a window.

GUNNISLAKE (New) BRIDGE (44) **Tavistock Trust** **SX 435723**

E of New Bridge, Gunnislake, just inside Devon on the A390 Tavistock - Callington Road, on the N side of the fork of the current main road and the older, steep road going up the valley side. An unusual two storey building with a square upper storey and angled lower level, now restored and sympathetically extended after many years of decay, after damage by a skidding vehicle. Possibly eighteenth century, certainly recorded in 1822 (Trust return).

*** HALDON (45)** **Plymouth & Exeter Road Trust** **SX 909824**

On the E side of the old Plymouth road, halfway down Telegraph Hill and now bypassed by the dual carriageway (accessible from the W after Haldon services or from the Newton Abbot road). An interesting cottage, built at a cost of £80 in 1822, with massive buttresses, quaint Gothic windows and a large enclosed porch on the angled front. The Plymouth and Exeter Road Trust was nominally a separate body but was run by the Exeter Trust and merged with it in 1842 (Trust records). It was formed specifically to cut the new more evenly graded Telegraph Hill route from the Newton Abbot to the Plymouth roads at Chudleigh - the previous narrow and even steeper Plymouth road went via Shillingford St. George.

HONITON (Copper Castle) (46) **Honiton Paving Trust** **ST 171005**

On the S side of the A35 Axminster road, ¾ mile from Honiton. A pink crenellated building with tall windows that serve both storeys and a porch on the rounded front. One of the oldest datable tollhouses, built between 1790 and 1799 (described in that year by Lipscomb). Officially "King's Road Gate" but known locally as "Copper Castle", perhaps the roof was originally of copper sheeting. Notable both for its unusual design and the survival of its ornate iron toll-gates, shown on the 1887 1st Edition 25" OS map and now set back from the road. This was the only tollhouse owned by the Paving Trust, which was established by Parliament in 1790 and not abolished until 1910. Until it was abolished in 1877 the Turnpike Trust's gates around the town collected the other tolls for the Paving Trust; after this they set up a ring of simple wooden toll huts, all now demolished (postcards in Author's collection).

HONITON (Stoneyford Bridge) (47) **Honiton Trust** **ST 152012**

A much-restored building ("Turnpike Cottage") developed from a formerly very dilapidated two-storey tollhouse. On the A373 Honiton - Cullompton road just N of Stoneyford at the junction with the road to Tracey, on the line of the old bridge. It originally had porches on the S and E walls. This gate collected tolls for the Paving Trust as well as the Turnpike Trust and was shown on the

Ordnance Surveyor's drawing of 1806, though the present building may be later. Referred to in a Parliamentary return of 1822; Tithe Map; and 1st Edition 25" OS; also census (Jenkinson 2010).

*** HONITON (Turks Head) (48) Honiton Trust ST 149001**

On the N side of the old A30 one mile W of Honiton centre, on what is now the westward slip road to the bypass. This two storey angle-fronted tollhouse is now a B&B ("Manna House") and has sloping wings to both sides and a large rear extension; the original door is blocked up. Shown on the OS Surveyor's drawing of 1806 and recorded by 1818 (EFP), although the current house ("Tollhouse Cottage" on the 1887 25" OS Map) is probably later. Named after the nearby former coaching inn; it also collected tolls for the Paving Trust, although they erected a hut nearer town at Bramble Hill after the Turnpike Trust was abolished.

HONITON (Trafalgar Bridge) (49) Honiton Trust ST 142003

At Weston Cross on the NW corner of the junction of the turnpike road from the A30 at Hamlet to Awliscombe with a lane to Buckerell. A small octagonal rubble-built structure, now cut down and with the windows bricked up; used for storage. Probably dates from c.1820 – not on the OS Surveyor's drawing but recorded in 1821 (plan in DRO). Shown with the gate on the Awliscombe Tithe Map and active as late as 1871 (EFP, Census – Jenkinson 2010).

HORRABRIDGE BARS (50) Plymouth & Tavistock Trust SX 511690

A long, low brick building on the W side of the A386 Tavistock-Plymouth road, ½ mile S of Horrabridge and just past the Buckland Monachorum turning, it has a slated roof and a bay window. Previously believed to have been built around 1784 by the Tavistock Trust, but this is wrong. It was not included in Trust returns 1823-1833, is not on the Tithe Map of 1840 and not in a tender list of 1846 (EFP). Almost certainly built shortly after that date, probably to replace the Stop Gate (see below). Sold with Roborough Down (now demolished) for £90 in 1882.

HORRABRIDGE (Stop Gate) (51) Plymouth & Tavistock Trust SX 512695

A small single storey building of stone and slate with a projecting porch, now an antique shop, in the fork of the A386 and the old Tavistock road via Horrabridge Bridge. The Horrabridge Stop Gate is not on the 1840 Tithe Map and was first recorded in 1846 in conjunction with the then new Grenofen Gate (EFP). It did not survive in operation until the end of the Trust, unlike Horrabridge Bars gate above, which presumably replaced it.

*** KENNERLEIGH (52) Exeter Trust SS 818080**

This tollhouse on the NE side of the old Crediton - South Molton road, ½ mile N of Kennerleigh just past the turning for Woolfardisworthy was badly damaged in a fire in December 2009 and the roof and upper floor burnt out; it has now been restored. It is a two storey building, originally thatched, built in 1829 as a replacement for an earlier building (see the next entry) and sold by the Trust for £25 in 1884. Similar design to Chenson and Copplestone, although not built by the same builder or to the same standard - it cost only £77 (Trust records; Lowe).

KENNERLEIGH (old tollhouse)(53) Exeter Trust SS 816081

This building now a barn (until recently very dilapidated but recently re-roofed and re-rendered) at Staple Green on the S side of the road a little to the W of the Kennerleigh tollhouse (see above) is almost certainly the original tollhouse from 1774, although no documentary evidence survives – it is in the right location as shown on OS surveyor's drawing, Tithe Map and 1st Edition 25" OS and appears to be a very old structure. It was not unknown for old tollhouses to be converted for agricultural use when a new one was built.

LANDCROSS (54) **Bideford Trust** **SS 461237**

An oddly-shaped and much altered two storey cottage now set slightly back from the road (which has been widened and moved W) at the fork of the "new" (1820s) Bideford to Torrington and Monkleigh roads and the lane back to Landcross Church. A toll gate was established hereabouts in 1833 and this cottage is shown on the Tithe Map, although not listed in the Apportionment. Although £128 was spent on new tollhouses in 1833 (Trust records) this is not enough for two tollhouses and seems more likely to relate to the Yeo Vale tollhouse built that year (#112). The house may be a pre-existing one rented by the Trust (not in their list of houses sold in QS/82), or the toll collector could have lived at one of the nearby cottages, now demolished.

LEIGH CROSS, Chulmleigh (55) **Barnstaple Trust** **SS 667139**

A substantial two storey house on the SW corner of Leigh Cross, one mile W of Chulmleigh on the A377. This is an extensive enlargement of the single storey tollhouse erected in 1831-2 by the same builder as Abbot's Marsh and Chapeltown, which it closely resembles (Trust records). It has an angled projection to the lower storey, a wooden porch and a blind window to the N side; the original windows have been replaced with PVC ones. Shown on the Tithe Map and 1890 25" OS map.

LUDBROOK GATE (56) **Modbury Trust** **SX 661543**

A conventional two-storey stone and slate cottage on the A3191 NE of Ermington at the NW corner of Ludbrook Gate crossroads. Of indeterminate date and with a blocked-up door facing the main road, now attached to another house. The Trust rented a tollhouse here from the late 1820s at 5 gns. a year and the gate is shown on Greenwood's map of 1827; there was a toll collector recorded as late as the 1861 Census (Jenkinson and Taylor 2009). However, one version of the Ugborough Tithe Map shows no house here but the other, on the parish website, appears to show a different cottage, projecting further into the road.

MAIDENCOMBE (Solomon's Post) (57) **Torquay & Dartmouth Trust** **SX 919684**

Near Maidencombe on the A379 Shaldon -Torquay road, 3 miles S of Shaldon, at the junction with a minor road (Claddon Lane) just S of the corner of a sharp bend, on the W side of the road. A typical angle-fronted tollhouse, now extended, with the porch blocked up. Originally called "Solomon's Post", it probably dates from the construction of this road in 1827 and is mentioned in Trust advertising by 1830; on the Tithe Map.

MEETHE (58) **South Molton Trust`** **SS 675229**

"Meethe Gate" is on the B3226 South Molton - King's Nympton road, 3 miles SW of South Molton. A much-altered and extended single storey building on the SE corner of the junction with the road to George Nympton, it is unlike other surviving South Molton tollhouses and has a window near the corner, which overlooks the road. It may date from the opening of the road and was included on a list of gates in 1846 (EFP), but more likely a pre-existing house (on the Chittlehampton Tithe Map and apportionment of 1842). Sold in 1882 (QS/82) on the winding up of the Trust.

MILLAND (59) **Axminster Trust** **SY 268950**

"Turnpike Cottage", half a mile NW of Musbury on the S side of a minor road, just past a T junction back to the A358 Axmouth - Axminster road, it guarded the cross road from Musbury to Whitford, turnpiked in 1792, and the back road to Colyford over Nunford Bridge, now just a footpath. An attractive single storey tollhouse with a later wooden porch; very similar to those of the Barnstaple Trust. Not in the 1823 return in the DRO but existing by 1830 (EFP) when it was called the

Mellons Bar and was coupled with Colyton (#25); shown with the gate on the Tithe Map. Sold on abolition in 1876 (QS/82).

*** MODBURY, Stoliford (60) Kingsbridge & Dartmouth Trust SX 664510**

Half a mile SE of Modbury on the A379 Kingsbridge Road, in the fork of two roads into the town. An angle-fronted two storey tollhouse, very similar to those at Yealmbridge (#111) and Ermington (#35) but with a porch; believed to be built about 1828 when the new road was cut (Scarratt, ***Modbury***). Now sympathetically extended and altered. This was one of several, from two different Trusts, which guarded the approaches to the town, including Mary Cross (SX668523) of which nothing remains and one similar to Stoliford at Goutsford Gate on the Plymouth road (SX 635517), demolished in the 1960s but photographed by Lilian Sheldon in the 1930s.

MODBURY, Prigdon Hill (61) Kingsbridge & Dartmouth Trust SX 654509

An ivy-covered ruin near Stoliford at Prigdon Hill on the Bigbury road, a small two-storey tollhouse built to catch traffic from Bigbury and Kingston; the roof was gone by the mid-1970s and now only walls remain. However, the Tithe Map shows the gate slightly further W with a small building adjoining, so the current building is probably 1840s or later (or the Tithe Map may be in error).

MORETONHAMPSTEAD, Folly Gate (62) Moretonhampstead Trust SX 756860

The rectangular two-storey house called “Folley Cottage”, ½ mile E of Moretonhampstead on the N side of Cross Street / Exeter Road, is almost certainly the Folly Gate tollhouse recorded in 1799 [EFP] and in Trust records from the 1820s onwards and shown on a map of 1835, the Tithe Map and early 25” OS maps. It has the date 1893 on the pediment, but this appears to be a remodelling date (perhaps the addition of a second storey and blocking off the porch) rather than a completely new house; it is on exactly the same footprint. Recently further updated with new rendering and windows.

MORETONHAMPSTEAD, Eastern (63) Newton Bushell (Abbot) Trust SX 759857

The “Moreton Eastern” (Census – Jenkinson 2009) or “King’ Bridge” tollhouse, ½ mile SE of Moretonhampstead near King’s Bridge, facing S in the fork of the new and old roads into the town from the A382 Whiddon Down to Bovey Tracey road, an existing poor road taken over and improved by the (then) Newton Bushel Trust and turnpiked from 1826/27; first recorded in the Trust’s accounts in 1832 (QS/81). A good, well-kept albeit extended example with the porch intact, now with a conspicuous reproduction toll board. See also Bovey Tracey (#12).

MORWELL DOWN (64) Tavistock Trust SX 451712

At The Rock, 1 mile N of Morwellham Quay and 3 miles SW of Tavistock in the angle of the junction of the road to Bere Ferrers. A square two storey building, modernised and extended in sympathetic style in the mid-1970s, it is slate hung and with the porch on the corner. Similar to Chillaton (#19) and to Greystone Bridge (#43) before modification, it was built at a cost of £129.16s.9d in 1832/3 (Trust records), when the road to the mines and quay was improved and a new line built to the north (B3257, B3362).

MUDFORD GATE (65) Tiverton Trust SS 860128

A small rectangular stone building on the NE side of the B3137 Tiverton - South Molton road, at the crossroads with the minor road from Pennymoor to Rackenford. The road was cut in 1839 and the tollhouse was built in 1843 (not on the Tithe Map) by the Rev. Cruwys, who rented it to the Trust until at least 1858 (***EFP***, Trust records) though a toll collector was recorded there in the 1871 Census (Jenkinson 2010). “Mudford Gate” on the 1890 25” OS map. Now used as a barn with the windows and door blocked up; Probably originally thatched, given the pitch of the roof.

*** NETHWAY (66)** **Torquay & Dartmouth Trust** **SX 898528**

Between Brixham and Kingswear on the B3205, 1½ miles NE of Kingswear at the junction of the minor road to Nethway. An attractive angle-fronted tollhouse on the E side of the junction, with a slate hung front and prominent toll board recess. Reputed to date from 1780, but from the design and other evidence it is later, c.1825 - not in Trust's records for 1822/23 but shown on Greenwood's map of 1827 and the Tithe Map; in Trust advertising by 1830.

*** NEW (Preston) CROSS (67)** **Totnes & Berry Pomeroy Trust** **SX 864741**

A two storey polygonal tollhouse, two miles N of Newton Abbot in the N fork the old Exeter road where it crosses the B3193 Chudleigh road. Much modernised and extended, the porch was moved to the side rather than the angled front before 1932 (Sheldon photograph) and there is now a reproduction (and inaccurate) toll board. It was built in 1826, when the new road to Chudleigh was turnpiked (EFP). The old Roman road was the main route to Exeter until the draining of the marsh and the building of the road past the racecourse (A380, now B3195) and associated link roads from Kingsteignton, in 1835-37.

*** NEWPORT LODGE (68)** **Exeter Trust** **SX 955892**

On the Exeter - Topsham road, one mile from Topsham on the E side of the road. An angle-fronted tollhouse formerly known as "Loggerheads", it has been substantially extended since the 1930s and is now a B&B. Originally of a striking building of dressed sandstone similar to the demolished example at Sandy Gate (photographs in the Lillian Sheldon collection at the SPAB), it is now pebbledashed and the front door blocked up. The gate is shown on the 1809 OS map but this tollhouse was built in 1842 at a cost of £160 (Trust records; Lowe).

NEWTON ABBOT (Wolborough) (69) **Totnes & Berry Pomeroy Trust** **SX 851701**

An extended two storey cottage on the NE corner of Ogwell Cross, 1 mile S of Newton Abbot. Now called "Wolborough Lodge" and previously "Upland Cottage", it is set slightly back from the road as a result of modern realignment. Previously assumed to be a lodge associated with the hospital (which it did later become), in fact the Trust moved their Newton Abbot Gate here in 1869 and rented this building from the Wolborough Local Board (Trust QS/81 returns in DRO) until abolition in 1878. Shown on the 1st edition 25" OS map, 1871 Census (Jenkinson 2009).

*** NEWTON POPPLEFORD (70)** **Lyme Regis Trust** **SY 079895**

A single storey thatched cottage ("Ye Olde Tolle House") on the SE corner of the crossroads of the A3052 Exeter-Sidmouth road and the roads to Budleigh Salterton and Tipton St. John. Now extended at both ends and to the rear and until recently an antique shop. Incorrectly listed as dating from the start of the Trust in 1758 - the OS Surveyor's Drawing of 1806 shows no building here, but a gate across the High Street further east, opposite Southern Cross Cottage and there was a toll gate and house "at the western end of Newton-Poppleford-Street" by 1810 (EFP). The gate had however moved to the current location by the time of Aylesbeare Tithe Map of 1842. There was also another toll house at Bridge End on the eastern side of the village (OS surveyor's drawing and Harpford Tithe Map, demolished by the 1880s) and temporary gates on Fair Days.

NEWTOWN (71) **South Molton Trust** **SS 694324**

On the SE corner of the crossroads at Newtown Bridge on the B3226 South Molton - Combe Martin road. An unusual single storey tollhouse, with overhanging eaves supported on wooden posts and an offset bay window. Called "The Old Turnpike House", it has been extended to the rear. On the Charles Tithe Map and Apportionment of 1842 although the road was not completed

until 1844, and in the toll letting of 1845 (EFP); sold in 1882 (QS/82); also Census returns (Jenkinson 2010).

*** OKEHAMPTON, Bushouse, (72) Okehampton Trust SX 585953**

A single storey cottage (originally called “Busshouse”) on the A386 Great Torrington road, ¼ mile N of Okehampton, in the fork of the old and new (Market Street, 1825) roads leading into the town from the north. The sole survivor of four toll gates that ringed Okehampton; the others were on the Lydford, Exeter/Bow and Sampford Courtenay roads. It was originally thatched (postcard of 1908, Author’s collection) but is now tiled, which with its round end, pointed roof and tall chimney make it one the most attractive of all Devon tollhouses. Built in 1826-7 after Market Street opened, not in 1760 as the town trail board attached to it claims (in Trust returns in 1827/28 but not 1826).

*** POWDERHAM POUND (73) Teignmouth & Dawlish Trust SX 951853**

Just S of the turning to Powderham on the A379 Exeter-Dawlish road, a rectangular building on the W side of the road. It appears to be badly sited but Greenwood’s Map and the Tithe Map of 1839 show that the Powderham road originally joined the main road S of the tollhouse, not at the present crossroads to the N. Built in 1829 (Trust records), it is now rendered; it originally had a porch which was removed as a condition of its sale to the Earl of Devon in 1877 (QS/82).

POWLER'S PIECE (74) Bideford Trust SS 370185

On the W side of a minor road at the crossroads at Powler's Piece, 10 miles SW of Bideford. It was originally a pretty, small single storey cottage with a window on the side for the toll collector to see along the road and the roofline extended over the porch. However, in c. 2004 a large two storey extension was added to the N; the original house was also re-roofed more conventionally, and the windows replaced with PVC. This stretch of road from Hooper’s Water to Kismeldon Bridge was not cut until 1854/55 and the tollhouse is presumably of that date; sold in 1876 (QS/82).

*** RACKENFORD (75) South Molton Trust SS 837196**

At Tollhouse Farm on the B3221 Tiverton - South Molton road, 1¾ miles NW of Rackenford at the junction with the minor road to Creacombe. This single storey tollhouse on the N side of the road has been much extended has a rounded central projection typical of the South Molton trust, with the door converted to a window. Judging by the pitch of the roof it was probably originally thatched. Similar to South Molton (Cooks Cross)(#84) but with rectangular windows. In existence by 1823 (Parliamentary return) but not 1812, when the Trust had only the Southern, Western and Eastern gates in the town and Chawleigh (16)(EFP). House and gate shown on the Tithe Map. On Census return and sold in 1882 (Jenkinson 2010, QS/82).

SHALDON (76) Torquay & Dartmouth Trust SX 931722

An unusual two-level house, now the “Toll House B&B”. The upper storey faces the steeply climbing A379 Shaldon - Torquay road, the lower storey the B3195 Newton Abbot road, the house lying in the fork. Shown on the Tithe Map and Apportionment of 1840 as the tollhouse recorded in Trust advertising by 1830. Probably an existing house adapted when the Torquay road was turnpiked in 1827-28, Jenkinson 2009 records the keeper from the 1841 Census .

*** SHALDON BRIDGE (77) Bridge Trust SX 931729**

On the W side of the N end of Shaldon Bridge, built as a toll bridge by an Act of 1824. A fine example of a typical stucco angle-fronted tollhouse, now minus its porch. Built in 1827, when the bridge was opened, it continued to collect tolls until 1948 when the bridge was freed of toll. Much photographed for postcards, and one from c.1943 of the toll collector is in Minchinton, ***Devon at***

Work. An adjacent tablet commemorates the designer of the original wooden bridge, Roger Hoskins.

SIDBURY (Cockerell's Cross)(78) Honiton and Sidmouth Trust SY 143924

A rectangular two story slated cottage ("Sand Cottage") in the fork of the Honiton road and Sand Lane, just N of Sidbury village, it now has bay windows on the S elevation. This was the Cockell's Cross Gate recorded in the Trust's advertisements from 1818 onwards. House and gate shown on the Tithe Map, and recorded in the Apportionment and 1861 Census as occupied by William Pinn.

SIDMOUTH (Salcombe Gate) (79) Honiton and Sidmouth Trust SY 128878

Just E of the bridge over the Sid at Sidmouth, on the Salcombe Regis road. An extended single storey tollhouse on the N side of the road, with tall chimneys and an impressive porch on four columns; now called "Byes Gate", the toll gate is used as a park gate at the right side. The Trust began in 1816 and the building is believed to date from c.1818 - "Salcombe Gate" was recorded around this time (EFP). Also shown on the Tithe Map. The house was rented by the Trust for 5s (25p) a year in 1856. The other Sidmouth gate of the Trust was on the SW corner of the junction of the A375 Honiton road with Winslade Road (shown on the Sidmouth Tithe Map).

SIDMOUTH (Greenway) (80) Sidmouth & Cullompton Trust SY 112897

A plain two storey extended cottage on the NW corner of the junction of the B3176 with Greenway Lane, 2 miles NW of Sidmouth. This Trust was authorised in 1846; although they originally promised not to collect tolls nearer to the town than Bowd they built this tollhouse in the early 1850s, presumably to counter toll evasion. Recorded by 1854 (EFP) and shown on the 25" OS map of 1889. Sold in 1877 for £54; the present owners have a copy of the deed.

SMEATHARPE, UPOTTERY (81) Honiton Trust ST 197106

A plain rectangular two storey slated cottage in the hamlet of Smeatharpe, on the S side 8 miles N of Honiton on the old road to Taunton. Difficult to date, the gate is shown on the Upottery Tithe Map, clearly marked on the E side of the road; also shown on Greenwood's map of 1827. Sold to Lord Sidmouth in 1877 (QS/82).

SOMERSET GATE (82) Honiton & Ilminster Trust ST 270125

One mile inside Somerset on the SW corner of the A303 at the junction with a minor road to Bishopswood (but belonging to the Honiton and Ilminster Trust of 1807). Originally a pretty, small cob and thatch cottage with a projection to the right (Sheldon photo), now called "Old Toll House" and much extended to the W and the rear with the original door replaced by a window. Possibly built before 1822 when the trust rented a house (QS 81), but may be an 1828 replacement for Somerset Cottage (next entry).

SOMERSET COTTAGE (83) (Honiton &) Ilminster Trust ST 308143

A large cottage with gothic windows and a prominent blocked-up porch, a mile west of Horton in the N side of the A303. The location is marked "T.B." on Greenwood's map of Somerset (1821) and "Somerset Gate" was noted in Honiton and Ilminster Trust records for 1822 (Parliamentary Return). This section of road was transferred to the Ilminster Trust in 1828, so it may have been built by the Honiton and Ilminster and their toll collection moved from here to Somerset Gate (previous entry) after the transfer. However the Ilminster Trust may have built this house after taking over the toll-gate location, in which case it is outside our scope.

SOUTH MOLTON (Cooks Cross) (84) South Molton Trust SS 713254

On the E side of Cooks Cross in South Molton, on what was then the main road to the south. A single storey tollhouse (originally "Southern Gate") with Gothic windows and the roof extended over the front projection (as were several of the South Molton Trust's tollhouses), now joined to the right to another property. It may be eighteenth century (Parliamentary report of 1781) and was shown on the OS Surveyor's drawing of 1804; also recorded in 1812 (EFP) and 1823 (Trust return). In 1844, following the building of the B3226 road to Newnham Cross and the cutting of South Street to improve access into the town, a new larger tollhouse was built at "Exeter Gate" 100 metres south (postcard in Author's collection); this was demolished in the 1960s. Crook's Cross nonetheless remained in the Trust's ownership until its abolition; both are shown on the Tithe Map. Similar to Rackenford (#75).

SOUTH MOLTON (Mill Lane) (85) **South Molton Trust** **SS 717256**

An unusual two storey building, now joined to another house and extended to the N, on the SW corner of Mill Street and Alswear New Road in South Molton. Recently unsympathetically renovated. This was the Mill Lane Gate recorded in the sale deeds of the Trust (QS/82) and built in c. 1840. It originally had two doorways on the front, now converted into windows, and windows looking down the road; the S one is now the door. Shown on the Tithe Map and on the 1890 25" OS map. Identified as having the toll collector's till intact in sale particulars in 2006.

SOUTH MOLTON (Aller Cross) (86) **South Molton Trust** **SS 712265**

On the E side of the B3226 into South Molton, just S of the fork of Hacche Lane. A two storey house with dormer windows, it has brick facings, two tall chimneys on the N elevation and a projecting window beside the road, presumably the original door. Now slightly below the road level, it has a new porch on the S elevation and is called "Vicarage Lodge" but was in fact a tollhouse and is identified as such on the Tithe Map (with a prominent stylised gate) and Apportionment; also on a later postcard. It dates from the cutting of a new road in 1839/40 - previously there was no turnpike to the north coast and the road to Barnstaple went west through Hill and Filleigh. Sold (QS/82) to South Molton Corporation in 1882.

SOUTH MOLTON (Tiverton Gate) (87) **South Molton Trust** **SS 725258**

Just E of Mole Bridge on the S side of the A361 Bampton road, a two storey tollhouse (now "Flower Cottage") with the roofline extended over the curved front projection (original door blocked off) and extensions at both ends. It may date from or have been enlarged at the time of the rebuilding of the bridge in c.1840, but could be older – it is similar to the single storey examples at Rackenford (#75) and Cooks Cross (#84). Tiverton or Eastern Gate was shown on the OS Surveyor's drawing of 1804, occupied by George Southcombe in the 1841 Tithe Map / Apportionment, and was still operational in 1871 (Parliamentary report); sold with the Trust's other tollhouses in 1882.

STARCROSS (88) **Teignmouth & Dawlish Trust** **SX 976822**

At the N end of Starcross, just past Staplake Road. A Victorian detached stone and slate cottage ("Northend") on the W side of the A379, it has a bow window to the front and a contemporary porch and door to the N. Previously assumed to be a lodge; however this was a tollhouse which the Trust rented from the Powderham Estate (an undated plan in DRO shows the house and gate). Built around 1840 (shown but not named on the Kenton Tithe Map, but rented from 1846 onwards (Trust & Estate records), it probably replaced the gate and hut at Cockwood shown on the Tithe Map and Deposited Plan for the railway, although not referred to in the Trust's adverts in ***EFP*** until 1860. Shown on a Trust schedule & plan prepared for the sale of their properties in 1877, house and gates are also detailed on Dawson's watercolour plan of the Atmospheric Railway in 1846-7. The road was moved 5 metres to the E after a row of cottages were demolished for the railway, so the house is now set back in a garden.

STOKENHAM or Torcross (89) **Kingsbridge & Dartmouth Trust** **SX 813427**

On the S side of the Slapton Ley road (A379), ¾ mile west of Torcross, "Turnpike Cottage" is an attractive rectangular two storey house. It has a porch on the left and guards two routes into Stokenham. "Stokenham Gate" was operational from 2nd August 1855 when the road across the Ley was opened (EFP), though the tollhouse itself could be slightly later. This new road improved communications in what had been a very remote area; previously there was no turnpike road east of Frogmore or south of Stoke Fleming.

STRETE (90) **Kingsbridge & Dartmouth Trust** **SX 838464**

There was certainly a toll gate at Strete (formerly Street) by 1855 (EFP), although the tollhouse was probably rented: no Strete property was sold on the expiry of the Trust (QS/82 records). The 1861 Census lists a toll collector living hereabouts (Jenkinson 2009); it seems most likely that she inhabited the stone and slate-hung building with a window at road level, now part of Seacliff Cottage (OS Benchmark at this spot, often a clue). Jenkinson included the terraced houses called "Turnpike" to the S as a possible tollhouse location; however this row of 4 cottages shown on the 1887 OS 25" map replaced 3 earlier ones (Tithe Map) and have only been called "Turnpike" since the 1905 edition.

TAVISTOCK (Launceston Road) (91) **Tavistock Trust** **SX 473747**

In the fork of the new and old Launceston roads ½ mile W of Tavistock, facing the new road. An attractive small octagonal, slate hung two storey cottage with a central chimney and a modern single storey extension to the rear. Originally called "Pixon Gate", it presumably dates from the opening of the new road in 1822 and was first recorded in 1823-24 (return in DRO).

*** TAVISTOCK (Weir Bridge) (92)** **Tavistock Trust** **SX 493754**

A mile from Tavistock (milestone adjacent), near Kelly College on the A386 Lydford road on the SW side of the junction with the original road to Okehampton and Exeter. This wider than usual angle-fronted two storey tollhouse has been extended W considerably and now has the entrance on the side; the original windows have been replaced by ugly and inappropriate single pane ones. Certainly in existence in 1822 and probably built in or soon after 1817 when the new (Parkwood) road was built using labourers unemployed following the end of the Napoleonic Wars.

*** TAVISTOCK (West Bridge) (93)** **Plymouth and Tavistock Trust** **SX 477737**

On the SE corner of the West Bridge at Tavistock in the fork of the old A386 Plymouth road and a minor road parallel to the river. A typical larger two storey tollhouse, originally slate hung and with a massive porch (Sheldon photograph) but later pebbledashed and substantially extended to the E and S and below the current road level; recently further extensively remodelled. Dates from the opening of the new road to Horrabridge and Plymouth in 1822 (recorded in EFP) but sold to the Duke of Bedford in 1847, when the Trust's gates were moved further out from the towns of Tavistock and Plymouth – in this case to Grenofen Gate (Trust records).

*** TAW BRIDGE (94)** **Great Torrington Trust** **SS 674065**

An interesting single storey brick building on the W side of the B3220 Torrington Road, 5 miles from Morchard Road (then called Addlehole). Now sympathetically restored from its former dilapidated state and extended at the rear; it has the door on the right, a bay window in the centre, a toll-board recess on the left displaying the restored original toll board from 1865 and windows at each end. A survivor from the line of five (Row's [Rose] Moor, Beaford, Dolton Beacon, Taw Bridge and Yeo Bridge furthest east). Although the road was completed in 1835 this tollhouse is later, almost certainly built in 1856 (Trust returns, EFP); Census 1861 (Jenkinson 2010).

*** TEIGNMOUTH (Broadmeadow) (95) Teignmouth & Dawlish Trust SX 928729**

On the S side of the A381 Bishopsteignton road, 1 mile SW of Teignmouth and just past Shaldon Bridge. A typical angle-fronted two storey slated tollhouse, now incorporated into a larger house (built between 1890 and 1905) and with a single storey front addition, so easy to miss. Probably dates from the turnpiking of the Kingsteignton road in 1831/32; shown on the Tithe Map and Dawson's watercolours of the Railway in 1846/7. Also marked on a Trust map in DRO, prepared in 1877 in conjunction with its sale to a Mr Sercombe.

TEIGNMOUTH (Buckeridge) (96) Teignmouth & Dawlish Trust SX 935744

On the E side of the B3192 Teignmouth - Haldon road, 1 mile N of Teignmouth, now 10 metres E of the (realigned) road, at the junction with Buckeridge Road. A much-updated rectangular two storey stone house (now called "Sandy Mount"), with a more modern block built onto the rear. Shown on a Trust map of 1835 in DRO and on the Tithe Map, it may date from soon after the cutting of this road in 1831/32, although other trust tollhouses of this period are angle-fronted; the current owner suggests the house dates from c.1850. Sold in 1877, with the porch taken off.

*** TEIGNMOUTH (Teignmouth Hill) (97) Teignmouth & Dawlish Trust SX 947742**

A fine stuccoed, angle-fronted house with recessed windows and rear extensions, it was built in 1824. On the A379 Teignmouth - Dawlish road, ¾ mile N of Teignmouth, on the W side of the road on the junction with the back road to the B3192 Exeter road, controlling the entrances to Teignmouth from the north. See also #31 (Dawlish Holcombe). Shown on the Tithe Map and named on a Trust map in Devon Heritage Centre, prepared in 1877 in conjunction with tollhouse sales and on an indenture from 1904 on Flickr. The porch was removed on sale.

THORNCOMBE (98) Lyme Regis (Crewkerne) Trust ST 373029

"Turnpike Cottage" at Thorncombe Thorn, on the SE corner of the crossroads of two unclassified roads ½ mile SW of Thorncombe village. A single storey rubble-built cottage, listed as being 18th century, with a stone slate roof and an attic window to the gable end. Extended to the S and rear since the 1960s, with the door now between the two sections. Now in Dorset but this was part of Devon until 1844. The road was only a turnpike between 1770 and 1800; shown on the 1st edition OS drawings & map and the Tithe Map, but the house is not described as a tollhouse on the Apportionment - though called "Turnpike Cottage" on the 1st edition 25" OS map.

TIVERTON (Castle Gate) (99) Tiverton Trust SS 952137

On the Bampton road, ½ mile N of Tiverton, now in a gated-off layby just SW of the roundabout on the A361 North Devon Link road. A square two storey building known locally as "Jam Pot Cottage", it has ornamental eaves and originally had a bay window and angled porch; this is now cut back and the house is missing is one of the ornate chimney pots shown on nineteenth-century photographs. The current house probably dates from the early 1840s, after the gate was moved further out from its original position near the Castle Lodge (Tithe Map); sold to the Misses Carew in 1883.

TIVERTON (North Devon Gate) (100) Tiverton Trust SS 947131

Half a mile NW of Tiverton in the fork of the A373 Rackenford and B3221 Witheridge roads, an L-shaped two storey tollhouse built in 1839 at a cost of £155 (Trust records). One of the largest tollhouses, it has eaves similar to Castle Gate and was originally a pretty building, but now lacks its original door, verandah and latticed bay windows (shown on a nineteenth-century photograph) and has the front door tightly tucked into the N elevation. This house replaced an earlier building in the fork to the N (demolished in 1883) after the new Witheridge Road was opened in 1839.

TORQUAY (Waldon Hill) (101) **Torquay & Dartmouth Trust** **SX 913637**

On the seafront at Torquay, opposite Torre Abbey Sands and next to the Palm Court Hotel. A single storey limestone cottage with a porch on the W side, dating from 1840/41 when the road was opened (the Trust spent £305 on new tollhouses in 1840). Shown on the 50 inch plan of 1855 but discontinued as a toll gate in the 1860s, the toll collection being moved W to the stop gate at Kings Drive. Originally called "Waldon Hill Gate", it was later "Gardener's Cottage" then the Beaches Office; now disused and recently for sale.

TOTNES (Bowden) (102) **Totnes & Berry Pomeroy Trust** **SX 800597**

On the A381 Totnes-Kingsbridge road, ½ mile S of Totnes just before the fork of the old roads to Luscombe Cross and that to Ashprington and Dartmouth, now only a footpath. A much-modified two storey building on the E side of the road with a small window overlooking the road, which replaced a porch some time after 1932 (Sheldon pohoto). Not immediately obvious as a tollhouse, it is nonetheless well documented. It was built in 1803 at a cost of £102, although not shown on the OS drawing of that year. Clearly marked on Greenwood's map and identified in Trust returns from the early 1820s onwards; however, shown as unoccupied on the Tithe Map (see Lowe, ***Turnpikes and Tollgates***).

TOTNES (Follaton) (103) **Totnes & Berry Pomeroy Trust** **SX 783606**

"Follaton Lodge" is located on the S side of the old Plymouth road, 1 mile W of Totnes. A chalet-style house from the 2nd quarter of the nineteenth century with a rectangular porch, now rendered hiding the original stonework (postcard in the Author's collection). Set slightly back from the road and for many years thought to be a lodge for Follaton House (which was rebuilt in 1827-8). However tolls were collected here from 1833 when the toll gate was moved out from Broomborough, nearer Totnes; and toll collectors are recorded living at Follaton Gate in the Census from 1841 to 1881 (Jenkinson 2009). There was no other building nearby (Tithe and OS maps), so it seems certain that this was the toll collector's house. No record of the Trust owning a tollhouse here has been found and it was not included in the property sales when the Trust ended, suggesting they rented it – presumably from the owner of Follaton House.

TOTNES BRIDGE (104) **Totnes & Berry Pomeroy Trust** **SX 806603**

A rectangular building erected in 1828 on the NW corner of the then-new Totnes Bridge, on which a separate toll was collected (Trust records; Lowe); it was sold in 1881 for £100 when the tolls were abolished. It has bay windows facing the river; the original door is now also a window. House and gates are shown on contemporary paintings and early postcards; these show that the upper storey and the bay windows are extensions (added before 1905 – postcards in the Author's collection). It was recently refurbished as part of a housing development.

UMBERLEIGH BAR (Dorridge) (105) **South Molton Trust** **SS 615244**

Located ¾ mile E of Umberleigh Bridge on the South Molton road, on the N side of the road, guarding two minor roads to the N and S. A rectangular stone house with arched windows and a large porch pierced by windows on each side instead of an angled front, it has a stone extension to the rear and a more recent white rendered extension to the east. It presumably dates from between 1840 and 1845 – it was not shown on the Chittlehampton Tithe Map, but called "Taw Bar near the Umberleigh Bridge" by 1846 (EFP, also Census - Jenkinson 2010) and "Dorridge Gate" on the 1890 25" OS map. Sold by the Trust on expiry (QS82)

UPLYME (106) **Lyme Regis Trust** **SY330931**

A rectangular two storey cottage, on the N side of the junction of the B3165 and Tappers Knapp (old Axminster road), 1 mile NW of Lyme Regis. Now joined to other houses, it has gothic windows

and a porch facing the road. Called “Tollgate Cottage”, and clearly so identified on the Uplyme Tithe Map of 1840. The gate was in operation by 1822/23 when it took £308 in 15 months (QS/81), so it predates the new main road through Yawl (turnpiked in 1832-33). In the 1871 Census (Jenkinson 2010)

UPTON PYNE (107) **Exeter Trust** **SX 909963**

No. 1, Upton Pyne Hill Cottages is an ordinary-looking semi-detached two storey cob and thatch cottage (originally two dwellings), on the south side of the road, ¾ mile S of Upton Pyne village. The Exeter Trust rented a tollhouse here between 1805 and 1851, when the gate was discontinued (Trust records; Lowe). The house and toll gate are shown on the Tithe Map of 1838 although which part was the abode of the collector is not certain. The building is shown on the 1st and 2nd edition 25” OS maps. It and the Three Horseshoes gate (opposite the public house of that name, also shown on the Tithe Map) only collected a “half toll”.

*** VENN BRIDGE, Starcross (108)** **Teignmouth & Dawlish Trust** **SX 962814**

A fine sandstone tollhouse on the Mamhead road, one mile from Starcross on the NW corner of a crossroads with two minor roads cutting off the wide sweep the Dawlish road makes through Starcross. Built in 1838-39, when the road from Starcross to Haldon was cut (along with another further NW at Mamhead, now demolished; the pair cost £215 - Trust records) and shown with gates on the Tithe Map. In practically its original condition until 1974 but then substantially extended and modified in a rather severe style.

WEYCROFT, Axminster (109) **Chard Trust** **SY 306996**

An old square stone cottage on the E side of Chard Road, 1 mile NE of Axminster. It has been extended to the N and also in brick to the rear, and has a modern porch. There was a tollhouse here by 1776 (Petre Estate map in Devon Heritage Centre) and the core of the existing building may well be from the 18th Century. Marked on the OS Surveyor’s drawing of 1806 and referred to in the 1823 Parliamentary return, it is also shown on Greenwood’s and on the Tithe Map (as “Turnpike Gate”). Sold in 1875.

WHITE BALL (110) **Tiverton Trust** **ST 089184**

“Whiteball Gate Cottage” is either an extensive rebuild of the tollhouse or (perhaps more likely) a post-1880 replacement on the same site. It is a slate-roofed two storey house with a blocked-off porch on the NW side of the old A38 Taunton road guarding a multiple cross way. It is partially obscured by hedges and slightly below the level of the road, which has been remade on a new line to the S. Now just in Somerset, but until recently the border literally went through the house. The tollhouse is recorded in the Trust’s records as being built in 1824 and was shown on the Tithe Map of 1838 and 25” OS maps of 1888 and 1905.

*** YEALMBRIDGE (111)** **Modbury Trust** **SX 591519**

On the SE side of the bridge at Yealmbridge, 7 miles E of Plymouth. A typical angle-fronted stone and slate tollhouse in the Gothic style, with arched windows and doorway and no porch. It now has replica toll boards on both angles. Notable mainly because just to the E there is a small stone toll hut - see (#114) below. The gate was specified in the Trust’s Act of 1759, although the present tollhouse is nineteenth century; similar to Ermington it may therefore date from 1826-7; the date of the hut is unclear. House and gate are shown on the Tithe Map; sold in 1879 for £52.10s (QS/82).

YEO VALE (112) **Bideford Trust** **SS 455237**

A fine stone and slate extended two storey tollhouse (now “Old Toll”) with gothic windows in the fork of the old Bideford - Buckland Brewer (Yeo Vale) road and the road to Littleham, 2 miles from

Bideford. The original house faces the road and has a blocked-up door; the entrance is now in a 20th century extension to the SW in the same style. Opened in 1833 on a then-new road, authorised in 1824 but not built until 1828 - 1833, when £128 was spent on the new tollhouse (Trust records). Shown with the gate on the Tithe Map; called "Littleham" in the 1871 census (Jenkinson 2010). Unusually, it did not "clear" any other gate.

TOLL HUTS

LITTLE HALDON (Buckeridge Bar)(113) Teignmouth and Dawlish Trust SX 925754

Set into the bank on the north side of the B3192 Teignmouth - Exeter road opposite the entrance to "Hi Heather". A plain hut or shelter of red sandstone, now slightly below the road level. Restored recently but already somewhat overgrown and difficult to spot. Only survivor of a number of toll huts in the area, some stone and some wooden. Dating uncertain, perhaps c. 1840 (Everett).

YEALMBRIDGE (114) Modbury Trust SX 593520

A small stone toll hut just E of Yealmbridge tollhouse (#111), to the N of the road by the cross-roads to Worston and Dunstone; this was probably erected in the 1840s (not shown on the Tithe map), to shelter the toll collector at a Stop Gate or Side bar put up to combat toll evasion (Copeland).

NON-TURNPIKE TOLLHOUSES

BRAUNTON BURROWS (A1) Private Road SS 483349

A rectangular rendered and slated two storey cottage with a large porch, on the E side of the private road leading to Crow Point, Braunton Burrows. Believed to date from c.1839 (shown on the Tithe Map) and used partly to collect tolls from an early date. It was called "The Inspector's House" on the 1889 OS map but was later renamed "The Toll House" (Manning 2007; Jenkinson 2010). The tolls are now collected from a sentry box at the entrance to the road 200 metres further N.

COUNTY GATE, Exmoor (A2) Private Road SS 794487

A single storey stone and slate cottage on the A39 just inside Devon, east of Lynmouth, now boarded up. Grade II listed as a tollhouse from the early 19th century, but it appears that the road was not improved from a horse track, by the Glenthorne estate, until the early 1840s. The carriage road and building are not shown on Greenwood's map of Devon or the house on the 1840 Tithe Map. Coaches started using the road in 1843 and the cottage was known at one time as the "Road House" and probably served as a staging post for those coaches. The 25" OS maps of 1890 and 1905 show the building and a line across the road, and two gate posts remain in situ. The road was never a turnpike but may have been a private toll road in Victorian times, though no evidence for this has been found. However, the gate may have merely been for stock control.

CREMYLL FERRY (A3) Ferry Toll SX 454534

A small stone office building to the E of the landing stage at Cremyll Ferry; marked as "Toll House" on the 1st edition 25"OS map and presumably then used as a toll / ticket office. In Devon until the 1844 boundary changes. The older right half is crenellated and made of rough sandstone blocks, the newer left part is of more regular blocks and may be contemporary with the donation of a clock (still in place) in 1885 by Lord Edgcumbe.

LEE ABBEY, Top Lodge (A4) **Private Road** **SS 702492**

Tolls on the private road connecting Lynton and Woody Bay across the Lee Abbey estate are nowadays paid through a prosaic metal honesty box; but they were at one time collected at the lodges at the east and west entrances to the estate which were marked as tollhouses on OS maps. Both are pretty two storey stone cottages with tiled roofs. The eastern, "Top Lodge" is the older, the listing says c.1875 (shown as "Valley Lodge" on the 1st Edition 25" OS map of 1889) and is L - shaped with a porch over the door and eastern window and a projecting view window with sloping tiled roof. It still has the gateposts but no gate.

LEE ABBEY, Lower Lodge (A5) **Private Road** **SS 695491**

The western of the Lee Abbey tollhouses / lodges, "Lower Edge" on the OS map, although also listed as c.1875 was probably built in the 1890s (shown on the 2nd Edition 25" OS map of 1905, as "Lodge", but not the 1st Edition). A slightly larger cottage than Top Lodge though of similar construction with matching leaded windows, rectangular with twin front gables and a porch extended over the RH window.

LOWLEY, Doddiscombsleigh (A6) **Private Road** **SX 835877**

"Turnpike Cottage" is a rectangular slated house on the W side of the B3193 just N of Leigh Cross, with a blocked up door on the upper (road) level. Included in ***Devon Tollhouses*** based on name / appearance; Jenkinson and Taylor 2009 p102 also lists it based on the 1861 Census for Doddiscombsleigh recording a "toll-taker" at "Stop Gate" near Kingscourt. However this was never a turnpike road - the short-lived Crediton & Chudleigh Trust ran along the unclassified road further W along the Teign (see Dunsford Weir Cottage, #34). The road and house are not shown on the 1842 Tithe Map of Doddiscomsleigh, so must have been built sometime after then, probably as a private road later "adopted" by the council, or the census record may be in error. The 1888 25" OS map shows the road and house but does not name it. A genuine puzzle.

NOSS MAYO (A7) **Ferry Toll** **SX 538475**

Located ¾ mile SW of Noss Mayo village, adjoining the old Yealm Ferry (footpath access only; no parking nearby). "The Toll House" was originally a small single-storey stone and slate building with a high-pitched roof; it now has an extension to the E and is used as a holiday let (company website). The ferry charges board (or a good facsimile) is still in situ. Date uncertain; a building is however shown here on the Tithe Map and 1st edition 25" OS map of 1893.

PETROCKSTOWE, Aish Lodge (A8) **Private Road** **SS 521080**

Tolls were collected at two lodges at either end of the private road built by Lord Clinton sometime between the Tithe Map of 1840 and 1865 (when power was given to the Torrington Turnpike Trust to rent the road), to bypass the steep (1 in 5) Brandise Hill south of Petrockstowe. Aish Lodge is a pretty two storey cottage stone cottage 1 mile S of the village on the N side of the turning onto the bypass road, now just a track. It has green-painted gables and traces of previous whitewash. A gate is shown across the road on the 25" OS first edition of 1887, when it was simply called "Lodge" then later "East Lodge". (***Petrockstowe Past and Present*** [2007], p16-17)

PETROCKSTOWE, West Lodge (A9) **Private Road** **SS 512096**

The northerly of the lodges which collected tolls at either end of the private road built before 1865 by Lord Clinton to bypass the steep hills south of Petrockstowe (see above). West Lodge is a two storey cottage, part-rendered part-stone, in the fork of the bypass road and the former turnpike road just N of the village centre. It has ornate gables, a porch in the NE angle and a bay window facing the bypass road. A gate is shown across the road on the 25" OS first edition of 1887, when it was called "New Road Lodge".

SOUTH BRENT (Market) (A10) **Market Toll** **SX 698602**

This is an old stone-built terraced cottage with a prominent clock and bell tower, on Church Street in the centre of South Brent. Date uncertain but listed as late 18th or early 19th Century (Historic England). It has a toll board dated 1889 listing the market tolls, payable for bringing livestock and vehicles to fairs and markets in the town. Recently refurbished as a tourist information point.

STARCROSS LODGE (A11) **Private Road** **SX 976826**

A two storey stone and slate lodge cottage with brick detail, on the W side of the unclassified road alongside the railway between Starcross and Powderham Church which was a private route owned by the Earl of Devon's Powderham Estate. As well as acting as a lodge for this Estate the cottage also collected tolls from road users; there is a second (disused) door facing the road for toll collection. Not shown on the Tithe Map or Dawson's drawings of the atmospheric railway, so post-dates the railway (1846). House and gates are however shown on an Estate plan in Devon Heritage Centre (undated, perhaps c. 1875) and the 25" OS maps of 1890 and 1905.

TAVISTOCK (Market) (A12) **Market Toll** **SX 482741**

A small square stone and slate building with brick detailing, on the W side of the Whitchurch road at the entrance to Tavistock cattle market, ½ mile from the town centre. The window facing the road is now boarded up; when photographed by Sheldon in c.1932 it had a prominent brick chimney, now demolished. Shown on the 50" map of 1885 but no other details known.

HOUSES MIS-DESCRIBED as TOLLHOUSES

ASHLEY, Tiverton **SS 948112**

The thatched cottage on the E side of the A396 1 mile S of Tiverton is not the Ashley tollhouse, which was nearer the town and was demolished when the bridge over the railway was built in 1884/5. The gate was shown as early as 1790 on a map in Dunsford's ***History of Tiverton*** and on the OS Drawing of 1802, which does not mark Ashley Cottage. The Trust originally rented the house for the toll collector, and only built its own in 1829; in the 19th Century there were two buildings either side of the road, the smaller possibly a weigh-house (Trust records, Deposited Plan, Tithe Map).

BISH MILL **SS 744254**

The house called Cypruss Cottage is not the Bish Mill tollhouse - this was further E at Bish Mill Gate (Tithe and 25" OS maps), demolished in the 1980s to make way for a roundabout on the A361.

BURY MEADOW COTTAGE, Exeter **SX 916931**

This is not a tollhouse and was included in the second edition of ***Devon Tollhouses*** by the publisher, not the author.

CATSBOROUGH **SS 449199**

A plain two story cottage with a porch facing the road on the SE corner of Catsborough Cross, SW of Monkleigh/ This is not the tollhouse, which was on the opposite SW corner of the crossroads

(OS Surveyor's Drawing,1809 OS Map). Replaced before 1840 by a new house further north, now demolished (Monkleigh Tithe Map, OS 25" maps)

CHULMLEIGH, The Square **SS 688148**

"Rainbow Cottage" in the centre of the village. Although listed Grade II as "The Toll House" (Historic England, Jenkinson 2010) (because it looks like one?), there is no record of a toll gate here. Just an unnamed private house on the Tithe Apportionment; later served as village post office (25" OS maps).

COLY LODGE, Colyford **SY 245922**

This is not a tollhouse but a lodge for Coly House and is so marked on the 1890 1st edition 25" OS map but not on the Tithe Map, which shows that the tollhouse was further SW at Stafford Bridge; it was demolished by 1890 and was probably a round thatched building similar to that at Snowdon near Chard in Somerset and the now-demolished one at Tytherleigh (see Sheldon photographs section below).

COVE BRIDGE **SS949198**

A pretty single-storey thatched cottage with a central dormer window, on the W side of and facing Cove Bridge (listed, Historic England). Shown without a gate on the Stoodleigh Tithe Map, but the road was never a turnpike and this was a county bridge so cannot have levied tolls; the house is probably an estate worker's cottage or a lodge.

*** COWLEY BRIDGE** **SX 907955**

Although included in Devon Tollhouses and Jenkinson 2010, the bungalow (originally Bridge Cottage, now called "Bernadot") is not a tollhouse; the road ran further N, through this point, at the time of the Tithe Map and was only diverted south when the railway was built c.1844. The house was however in place by 1890, possibly connected with the water works. There was a toll gate further W opposite the Three Horseshoes Inn, but this was demolished in 1852 and the gate relocated to Exwick (#37) (Exeter Trust records).

*** CULLOMPTON** **ST 022076**

Photographed by Sheldon, but what appears to be an angle-fronted tollhouse ¼ mile E of Cullompton at the entrance to Court House was built after 1890 (25" OS maps). The toll gate was further E opposite the gas works site, now a supermarket (Tithe & OS maps).

EXMOUTH

The house on the corner of St Andrews Road is not a tollhouse - this was not a turnpike; the house was built after 1865 in tollhouse style to fit a tight plot. (Rolle Estate plan in DRO)

GARA BRIDGE **SX 730534**

A stone / slate house; now a holiday cottage; advertised for sale in 2008 as a former tollhouse. No evidence of this being a tollhouse has however been found (called simply "cottage" on the Diptford Tithe Map); there was a turnpike gate (shown on the Tithe Map) at the western entrance to Moreleigh, 2 miles away (SX 758526).

GREAT TORRINGTON (Calf St.) **SS 499194**

The building thought to be a tollhouse is not one. There was a toll gate here, but the house was a small round building on the SE corner (Wood's town map, Tithe Map); demolished by 1890 (25" OS).

ILFRACOMBE, St Brannocks Road **SS 515472**

The house on the E side of St Brannocks Road, formerly Vicarage Road, in Ilfracombe is not the tollhouse. Stewart's map of 1872 clearly shows the "Toll Bar" and house in front of the existing No. 8 and this was demolished some time after 1905 for road widening.

IVYBRIDGE **SX 645562**

The B&B called "The Toll House" is incorrectly named. The tollhouse (long demolished) was just to the E, on the NW corner of the road onto Dartmoor (shown on the Tithe Map and marked as "Tollbar Cottage" on the 1890 and 1905 OS maps).

JACK-IN-THE GREEN, Stone Villa **SY 015954**

Although listed as a tollhouse this sandstone cottage just N of the junction with the old A30 and a lane to Broadclyst, "Stone Villa" is an ordinary nineteenth century house. The Exeter Trust never had a tollgate here (the lane was not a turnpike road) , and did not collect tolls E of Heavitree Bridge. Probably a mis-reading from the nearby Tillhouse Farm.

KINGSBRIDGE, New Bridge **SX 745431**

The house at "Newbridge Cottage" is not the New Bridge turnpike house, which was a round or octagonal building on the W bank of the river opposite the bridge (Tithe and OS maps).

LEONARD MOOR **ST 052132**

Now called "Turnpike Cottage" and listed as such (Historic England). However, although this house is on a turnpike road the building was never a tollhouse (Tiverton TPT records). Identified as a domestic cottage on the Tithe Map and Apportionment and called "Rustic Cottage" on the 1st Edition 25" OS map.

MALBOROUGH **SX 709398**

Anne Born, ***Kingsbridge***, records local testimony that the tolls were collected at the window of the house on the NW corner of Townsend Cross but no other evidence for this has been found. Nothing is shown on the Tithe Maps of West Alvington or Malborough. A toll gate was however recorded by at least the late 1830s and is shown on the 1863 OS 1" map; most likely there was just a gate and shelter for a collector who lived elsewhere.

*** MARLDON, Five Lanes** **SX 870630**

The building photographed by Sheldon was not the Five Lanes tollhouse, but presumably part of Singmore House. The tollhouse was on the W side of the road (Tithe Map, 25" OS) and was a plain rectangular cottage (photographic evidence) but was demolished in 1972 for road widening.

PAIGNTON, Pepperpot Cottage **SX 884613**

In Paignton, at the junction of Shorton Road and Southfield Road. This was not a turnpike road and the building was a lodge for Belle View, a large nineteenth-century villa (1st Edn. 25" OS).

PRINCETOWN **SX 588733**

These two cottages facing each other 1m SW of Princetown are not tollhouses; they date from after 1905 (not on 2nd edition 25" OS map).

RED LANE, Churchinford **ST 213125**

The building on the SE corner of Red Lane crossroads, ½ mile W of Churchinford is not the tollhouse, which was on the NW corner (1806 OS drawing; plan in Devon Heritage Centre) and was demolished by 1890 (25" OS).

REEDY BRIDGE, Dunsford **SX820892**

The house on the SW corner of the junction identified by Jenkinson 2009 as a possible tollhouse is not shown as a tollhouse on any Exeter Trust plan or record (Lowe); and was recorded as a smithy on the Tithe Map & Apportionment. The Moretonhampstead Trust's Dunsford (New Bridge) Gate was only a mile further W, the Crediton and Chudleigh's Weir Cottage Gate ¼ mile to the S.

SANDWELL (Hazard) **SX 755597**

Although in tollhouse style, Sandwell Cottage was not one – set back from the road and shown on the Harberton Tithe Map as a lodge. The toll gate on this road was at Follaton (#103).

*** SIDMOUTH (Peak Hill)** **SY 123875**

This flint-faced cottage on the B3176 Exeter road in Sidmouth, now called "Pebblestone Cottage" (shown on a print of 1826 and the Tithe Map) was originally "Audley Cottage" and was not a tollhouse (this was not a turnpike road at the time). The tollhouse for the Sidmouth & Cullompton Trust of 1846 survives at Greenway Cottage, further out of town (#80).

STICKLEPATH Bridge **SX 643940**

No evidence has been found that the house called "Watersmeet" was a tollhouse (Jenkinson 2010). The angled corner was presumably to fit the site boundary. There was a toll gate at Firestone Cross 1½ miles to the east between 1829 and 1838 (Trust records, but not on Tithe Map).

STOPGATE CROSS **SS 725056**

Almost certainly a back-attribution - it is very unlikely that the cottage at Stopgate Cross on the B3220, near Zeal Monachorum, collected tolls - there was a tollhouse at Yeo Bridge only ⅓ mile away (Tithe Map, 1st Edn. 25" OS; the boundary walls survive) which would have serviced any stop gate erected to prevent toll evasion, probably with a cheap shelter. Nothing on the Tithe Map.

TAVISTOCK (Hawkin's Shop) **SX 494747**

Although previously identified by Sheldon, myself and others as Hawkin's Shop tollhouse this is in fact a lodge. The toll gate was nearer the town at the junction with Green Hill (Dawson town plan 1832, Tithe Map, 1867 plan in Tavistock Museum) but the house was demolished after purchase by the Bedford Estate in 1867 and before 1885 (25" OS).

*** TIVERTON** **SS 955127**

The building photographed by Sheldon on the corner of Castle Street was not a tollhouse, just a shop in the town with a curved frontage on the corner.

TROW (Bucks Ash) **SY 159953**

The extended thatched cottage here is not as was thought the Buck's Ash tollhouse, which was a small building slightly further W at the junction with a now disused lane to the S; the latter was shown on the Ordnance Surveyor's drawing of 1806; and house and gate are marked as such on the Tithe Map. Demolished sometime after 1905 (25" map).

TWO POTTS, Ilfracombe **SS 531447**

The house at Two Potts or Pots, 3 miles S of Ilfracombe, is not the tollhouse but a replacement set further back from the road; the tollhouse was demolished in 1880 (Tithe Map, Trust records in North Devon Record Office).

*** WHIDDON DOWN** **SX 691923**

The slate-hung tollhouse (Author photograph) was demolished for redevelopment in the 1980s; the present building is in the same style, but is set further back from the road and does not incorporate the original house.

TOLLHOUSES PHOTOGRAPHED BY SHELDON; NOW DEMOLISHED

AXMINSTER, EAST GATE **LYME REGIS TRUST** **SY 302983**

A slate-hung building on a corner site at the junction of Sector Lane and Lyme Road. Shown as TG on the 1st edition of the OS of 1809 and the Axminister Heritage Centre's copy of the Tithe Map, though not identified as a TH; also marked on the early 25" maps. Sold in 1876 to Mr Hawkins. Demolished for road widening after 1932, when it was used as a shop; date uncertain but before 1960 (mis-identified as Weycroft in Jenkinson 2010).

HILLHEAD, BRIXHAM **TORQUAY & DARTMOUTH TRUST** **SX 903538**

A classic large southern tollhouse, two stories with three angled faces, on the A379 at the junction of Kingswear Road. Shown on the Tithe and 25" maps, but again demolished for road widening before 1960.

EAST BUDLEIGH **?? BRIDGE TOLL** **SY 066847**

This was an interesting small two-storey building with stucco detailing, on the front of #3, High Street. Although commonly called a tollhouse, its provenance and purpose is unclear: there was no door onto the road, which was not a turnpike. It was demolished in 1977.

DART BRIDGE, BUCKFASTLEIGH **ASHBURTON & BUCK. TRUST** **SX 745667**

A fine two-storey angle-fronted house, with pillars supporting the door, demolished (probably unnecessarily) as part of the creation of the A38 dual carriageway in 1972. Recorded as early as 1823 (QS returns in DRO); shown on the Tithe Map.

FORCHES CROSS **Newton Abbot Trust** **SX 843733**

On the NW corner of the crossroads of the A382 Bovey Tracey road with a minor road 1¾ miles from Newton Abbot. A substantial, square two-storey building with large porch on the NE elevation, demolished in 2009 (Jenkinson). Shown on Tithe and 25" OS maps

HIGHWEEK, NEWTON ABBOT **NEWTON ABBOT TRUST** **SX 840719**

Another classic Southern two-storey tollhouse with a prominent porch, described by Sheldon as being in Highweek but presumably that at Mile End, shown on the 25" maps but not the Tithe Map. There was another gate (Greenaway), now under the junction of the new A383 Ashburton Road with the blocked-off Highweek Road, which was shown on the Tithe Map.

BELL CROSS, KINGSBRIDGE **KINGSBRIDGE & D TRUST** **SX 739446**

Similar to Yealmbridge and Ermington, at the crossroads at Bell (now Belle) Cross, ½ m NE of Kingsbridge. Demolished for road widening in the 1960s.

TOWNSTALL, DARTMOUTH **KINGSBRIDGE & D TRUST** **SX 868516**

A slate-hung two storey angle-fronted tollhouse at the junction with Townstall Crescent, shown on the Tithe and 25" OS maps but derelict and demolished by the 1950s (the photo in Jenkinson 2009 is a nearby lodge).

BEAFORD **TORRINGTON TRUST** **SS 542155**

A rectangular two-storey cottage with a large porch, just past the entrance to the Rectory (now Yatton Court). Shown on the Tithe and 25" maps, but demolished by the 1950s.

COUNTESS WEAR **COUNTESS WEAR TRUST** **SX 943987**

A rectangular brick cottage with an eaves window overlooking the road, on the N side of the bridge at the junction with Countess Wear Road. Shown on the 25" OS maps but further E than that on the Tithe Map and Dawson's watercolour of the Atmospheric |Railway; demolished in 1973.

COUNTESS WEAR CANAL **CANAL TOLL** **SX 940895**

An impressive angle-fronted two storey building on the canal, at the NW corner of the Swing Bridge crossing. Shown on the Tithe and 25" maps, again demolished for road widening, in the 1950s.

TYTHERLEIGH **CHARD TRUST** **ST 318032**

A small octagonal single-story cottage with eaves supported on poles, similar to Snowdon but with a slated roof. Shown on the Tithe and 25" maps, but demolished by the 1950s.

TRUE STREET **TOTNES AND B.P. TRUST** **SX 821607**

An attractive, large house with a rounded slate-hung front at the junction of the old and new (1835) roads E of Totnes. Later used as a police station (postcard in the Author's collection). Shown on the Tithe and 25" OS maps, demolished for road widening in 1968.

GATCOMBE (HEMPSTONE WOOD) **TOTNES AND B.P. TRUST** **SX 812619**

A substantial two storey building also with a rounded rather than octagonal front, on the E side of the Newton road 1½ m N of Totnes. Shown on the Tithe and 25" maps, demolished in 1976.

GOUTSFORD GATE, MODBURY **MODBURY TRUST** **SX 635517**

Similar to Yealmbridge and Ermington, just E of Sequers Bridge on the A379 2 miles W of Modbury. Built c. 1836 (new road). Demolished for road widening in the 1960s.

TOTNES, ASHBURTON ROAD **TOTNES AND B.P. TRUST** **SX 801607**

A classic two storey Southern tollhouse on the corner of Castle Street, near the bridge over the railway at Totnes, again demolished in the 1960s (OS 25" maps).

PENN INN, NEWTON ABBOT **TORQUAY & DARTMOUTH TRUST** **SX 872706**

A good example of a southern two storey tollhouse, demolished for road widening in 1971, the site is now under Penn Inn roundabout. Shown on the Tithe and 25" maps.

KINGSTEIGNTON ROAD **NEWTON ABBOT TRUST** **SX 862725**

Teign Cottage, a typical southern tollhouse just S of Kingsteignton Bridge on the E side of the A383 road near the racecourse. Demolished before 1950 (25" OS).

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